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SUBJ: COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS - MAJOR PROJECT: GAS PIPELINE

ALGERIA-ITALY

REF: MILAN A-46, AUGUST 9, 1974

1. AMCONSUL MILAN HAS CONTACTED SNAM, SAN DONATO MILANESE, AND HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GAS PIPELINE CONNECTING ALGERIA WITH THE ITALIAN NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SYSTEM IS NOW UNDER WAY.

2. THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF THE LYING OF A 2000 KM. PIPELINE WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTATION WITH CROSSING OF THE MEDITERRANEAN BETWEEN TUNISIA AND SICILY AT A DEPTH OF 580 METERS AND OF THE STRAIT OF MESSINA AT A DEPTH OF 350 METERS.

3. SNAM IS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING PROPOSALS FROM U.S. CONTRACTORS INTERESTED IN THE LYING OF THE UNDERWATER PIPELINE SECTIONS BETWEEN TUNISIA AND SICILY AND IN THE STRAIT OF MESSINA. PROPOSALS FOR THIS WORK MUST BE ADDRESSED DIRECTLY TO:

DR. ING. GIANFRANCO SCURATI  
COORDINATORE GASDOTTO MEDITERRANEO  
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4. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE PROPOSALS SNAM IS INTERESTED IN  
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RECEIVING OFFERS FOR THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:

A) 140,000 METRIC TONS OF SEAMLESS STEEL PIPE:  
SIZE FROM 12" TO 20", WALL THICKNESS FROM 15.88 TO 24 MM.  
FOR THESE ITEMS SNAM HAS BEEN TRYING ON ITS OWN TO FIND THE  
PRODUCT IN THE U.S. BUT SO FAR, WITH NO SUCCESS.

B) HIGH RESISTANCE COATINGS FOR PIPES. COATING MUST RESIST  
MECHANICAL STRAIN (DURING LYING) AND NATURAL UNDERWATER  
STRAIN AFTER LYING.

C) HIGH RESISTANCE COATING FOR PARTS WELDED DURING THE LYING.

D) 800,000 METRIC TONS OF WELDED STEEL PIPE, SIZES FROM 30" TO 46",  
WITH STANDARD WALL THICKNESS.

5. A) FITTINGS AND VALVES FOR SEAMLESS PIPES DESCRIBED IN ITEM 4 A

B) FITTINGS AND VALVES FOR WELDED PIPES DESCRIBED IN ITEM 4 C

CC) ADHESIVE COATING STRIPS FOR PIPES TO BE LAID UNDER GROUND.

D) EQUIPMENT FOR A COMPRESSION STATION OF 100000 HP FROM 150  
TO 250 ATM.

E) EQUIPMENT FOR 6 COMPRESSION STATIONS OF 2-3 MACHINES EACH  
FROM 9000 TO 15000 HP.

F) ONE MASTER STATION COMPUTER

G) PIPELINE CLEANING EQUIPMENT (PIGS)

H) GAS DEHYDRATATION EQUIPMENT

6. THE TOTAL COST OF EQUIPMENTS TO BE INSTALLED IS EVALUATED AT  
APPROXIMATELY \$600,000,000.  
OFFERS FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL LISTED MUST BE ADDRESSED AS  
FOLLOWS:

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